

REMARKS

Restriction/Election

Claims 15-38 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action of December 11, 2008, the Examiner restricted examination to one of the following claim groups:

Group I: Represented by Claims 15-22 and 29-33, drawn to a method of electroplating;

Group II: Represented by Claims 23-28 and 34, drawn to an arrangement of contacts; and

Group III: Represented by Claims 35-38, drawn to a semiconductor device.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 15-22 and 29-33).

Accordingly, Claims 23-28, 34, and 35-38 have been withdrawn from consideration without prejudice and with reservation for reintroducing the subject matter of claims 23-28, 34, and 35-38 upon the allowance of the elected claims. Accordingly, Applicants hereby satisfy the restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and favorable consideration for the application.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned via telephone if such communication would expedite prosecution of this application.

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